

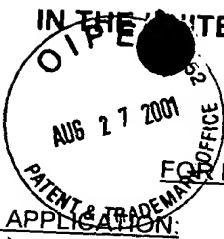
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK  
OFFICE

REQUEST FOR FILING  
(RULE 53(b)(1))

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File 53(b)(1) PATENT APPLICATION:

Continuation )

Divisional )

or pending prior application of

) application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)

Inventor(s): O'HARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3641

Examiner: Miller, E.

Parent Appln. No.:

09

091,856

Series Code ↑

Serial No. ↑

Atty. Dkt. P 0257402

New M#

2045216

Client Ref

Parent Filed: September 28, 1998

This Appln. Filed: August 27, 2001

Title: GASSER COMPOSITION AND METHOD OF GASSING

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Date: August 27, 2001

(Parent Matter No. 0254614 )

To effect the above-requested filing today:

1. **Attached** is a copy (**which must be filed**) of the prior application, including:

☒ Abstract

☒ Specification and claims (38 pages) (**must be attached**)

☐ Drawings (**must be attached if originally filed**): \_\_\_ sheet(s)/set: ☐ 1 set informal;

☐ Formal of size

☐ A4

☐ 11"

1A Always X one box, only:

☒ Copy of **Signed** declaration or oath as originally filed in prior application **attached**

☐ **NO** declaration or fee is enclosed; therefore, this is a filing under Rule 53(f).

2. ☐ This application is hereby filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application. Petition is hereby made requesting deletion as inventor(s) of the following who is/are **not** inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application (**DELETE THE FOLLOWING INVENTOR(S)**):

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
8. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2.5 THE **INVENTOR(S)** FOR THIS NEW APPLICATION IS(ARE):

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
8. \_\_\_\_\_

3. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated therein by reference thereto.

4. ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 based on filing in Australia of \_\_\_\_\_ (country)

|     | <u>Application No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |     | <u>Application No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
|-----|------------------------|--------------------|-----|------------------------|--------------------|
| (1) | PN 7372/95             | Dec. 29, 1995      | (2) | PCT/AU96/00839         | Dec. 24, 1996      |
| (3) | _____                  | _____              | (4) | _____                  | _____              |
| (5) | _____                  | _____              | (6) | _____                  | _____              |

a. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (No.) Certified copy/copies attached.

b. ☒ Certified copy/copies previously filed on September 28, 1998 in  
U.S. Application No. 09/091,856, filed on September 28, 1998.  
series code ↑ serial no. ↑

c. ☐ Certified copy/copies filed during International stage of PCT/ \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

4(a). (a) ☐ Domestic priority is claimed from PCT/ \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_

(b) ☐ Benefit is claimed of Provisional Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_.

5. ☐ Assignee (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

6. ☒ Attached is the following number of Assignments (including original and all later successive ones by different assignors): 1 and respective **new** Cover Sheets. (Do **NOT** file old cover sheets.)

(Assignments in parent **must be refiled** with new Cover Sheets in this continuing application if you want it/them recorded against the continuing application.)

Please return the recorded Assignment to the undersigned.

☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP - Paul N. Kokulis  
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(Name and Reg. No.)

whose current address is as in item 8 below.

a. ☒ Recognize as associate attorney Samuel P. Burkholder - 40,541 PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP, 1600 Tysons Blvd., McLean, VA 22102

(Name, Reg. No. and Address)

**Address all future communications to Intellectual Property Group  
of Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, 1600 Tysons Boulevard, McLean, VA 22102**

9. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

No. 09/ 091,856 filed September 28, 1998

No. / filed \_\_\_\_\_

No. / filed \_\_\_\_\_

No. PCT/ AU96/ 00839 filed December 24, 1996

designated the U.S. and that International Application x was \_\_\_\_\_ was not \_\_\_\_\_ published under PCT Article 21(2) in English

9(a). ☒ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the first page of the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US application(s)

10. **Small Entity Status** → x is Not claimed ☐ is claimed (**pre-filing confirmation required**)

(No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (not essential since 9/8/00) were/are:

☐ filed in above prior application

☐ attached.

11. Petition to extend the life of the above prior application to at least the date hereof

(one box) ☒ is being concurrently filed in that prior application (Use Form PAT-111).

(must be) ☐ was previously filed in that prior application (Check length of prior extension).

(X'd) ☐ is not necessary for copendency (**Double check** before X'ing this box).

12. ☒ **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:** Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing all of the documents cited by Applicant and the PTO in the parent application(s) relied upon under 35 USC 120 and referenced in item 9 above. Per Rule 98(d) copies of those documents are not required now. Please consider those documents and advise that they have been considered in this new application as by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609. .
13. ☐ Attached is a Rule 103(a) Petition to Suspend Action.
14. Reserved

**FILING FEE**

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON

->->->->CLAIMS AS FILED AND CHANGED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN ITEM 14<-<-<-<-

**NOTE:** If box 1A<sub>2</sub> is X'd, do not pay fees,  
but leave lines 15-22 and 27-32 blank.

|  |    |            |   | Large/Small<br>Entity |      | F e<br>Code |
|--|----|------------|---|-----------------------|------|-------------|
| 15. Basic Filing Fee ..... Design Application                            |    |            |   | \$320/\$160           |      |             |
| 16. Basic Filing Fee ..... Utility Application                           |    |            |   | \$710/\$355           | +710 |             |
| 17. Total Effective Claims   | +0 | minus 38 = | 0 | x \$18/\$9            | +0   |             |
| 18. Independent Claims   | 1  | minus 3 =  | 0 | x \$80/\$40           | +0   |             |
| 19. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, |    |            |   | \$270/\$135           | +0   |             |
| 20. Subtotal =   |    |            |   | \$710                 |      |             |
| 21. If "petition" box 13 above is X'd, add petition fee. .... \$130      |    |            |   |                       | +0   |             |
| 21A. If box 6 above is X'd, add Assignment recording fee ..... \$ 40     |    |            |   |                       | +40  |             |
| 22. TOTAL FILING FEE ATTACHED =  |    |            |   | \$750                 |      |             |

(carry forward to Item 31)

23. ☐ ATTACHED:
24. ☒ See the attached Preliminary Amendment
25. ☐ See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

26.

**ADDITIONAL FEE CALCULATION FOR  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
PER BOXES 24/25**

|     | Claims<br>remaining<br>after<br>amendment  | Highest<br>number<br>previously<br>paid for | Present<br>Extra                 | Additional<br>Fee | File Code |
|-----|--|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
|     |  |   | <u>Large/Small Entity</u>        |                   |           |
| 27. | Total Effective Claims   | *19   | minus ** 38 = 0                  | x \$18/\$9 = \$ 0 |           |
| 28. | Independent Claims   | *1  | minus *** 3 = 0                  | x \$80/\$40 = + 0 |           |
| 29. | If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for the first time, add (per application) ..... |   |                                  | \$270/\$135       | + 0       |
| 30. |  |   | ADDITIONAL FEE                   | \$ 0              |           |
| 31. |  |   | plus FEE from item 22 on page 3  | + 0               |           |
| 32. |  |   | <b><u>TOTAL FEE ATTACHED</u></b> | <b>\$ 750</b>     |           |

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**This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.**

**Pillsbury Winthrop LLP  
Intellectual Property Group**

By Atty: Samuel P. Burkholder

Reg. No. 40541

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**NOTE No. 1:** File this Request in duplicate with 2 postcard receipts (PAT-103) & attachments

**NOTE N . 2:** Is extension in parent necessary for copendency? **DOUBLE CHECK** Item 11 above.

If yes, printout Pat-111 and head it in parent.